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SRI D. K. RAJU :—" Visual education films are hired at the rate of 8 annas per day, whereas the average cost of each film itself is only Rs. 5 to Rs. 7. Is it not a fact that lot of representations have already been made to the Government that the department should distribute these films free? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I don't know wherefrom the hon. Member got the idea that these films could be produced for Rs. 5 or Rs. 7. If he is prepared to supply these films for a sum of Rs. 5 or Rs. 7, I am prepared to distribute them to the schools free, Sir."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" In view of the widespread illiteracy in this country, have the State Government any plan for using visual education in their adult education campaign? If the Government have not got any plan, will they formulate one? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" A separate question may be put. I may, however, inform the hon. Member that the entire scheme of adult education is under consideration by Government."

Hand-boring and power-drilling sets in Tiruchirappalli.

* 651 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of hand-boring and power-drilling sets which are at the disposal of the Assistant Director of Industries, Tiruchirappalli;

(*b*) the approximate monthly average of the demands for these sets; and

(*c*) how many applications for these sets are pending at present?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Sixteen hand-boring sets and two power drills.

" (*b*) The monthly average of the demands for hand-boring sets and power drills is five and two respectively.

" (*c*) The number of applications pending is 25 for hand-boring sets and 50 for power drills."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" In view of the large-scale demand for power drills and hand-boring sets and large number of applications for these sets pending with the Director of Industries and Commerce, will the Government consider the advisability of allotting a greater number of power drills and hand-boring sets to be used in the dry parts of Tiruchirappalli district? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Hand-boring sets are being manufactured locally. Thirty of them have already been manufactured and they will be distributed.

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Nine new power drills have recently been received by the Industries Department and they will be allotted to the various districts and Tiruchirappalli will have its quota."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, சென்ற பத்து நாட்களுக்கு முன்பு திருச்சிராப்பள்ளி ஜில்லா, இண்டஸ்ட்ரீஸ் உதவி டைரக்டரிடம் ஒரே ஒரு Power drill தான் இருந்தது. ஆனால் இரண்டு இருப்பதாக கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார்கள். இரண்டு செட்டுகள் இருக்கின்றன என்றால் ஒன்று சரியாக வேலை செய்ய வில்லையா? Working conditionல் எவ்வளவு நாட்களாக இல்லை? இன்னொரு செட் கொடுக்கவேண்டுமென்று அவர் எழுதியிருக்கிறாரா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Assistant Director of Industries has got two districts in his jurisdiction, viz., Tiruchirappalli and Madurai. The power drills have to be distributed between Tiruchirappalli and Madurai. Therefore, there is only one power drill in Tiruchirappalli district."

Maintenance of Manamadurai-Ramanathapuram road.

* 652 *Q.*—SRI G. GOVINDAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government for the proper maintenance of the old Manamadurai-Ramanathapuram road?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The road referred to by the Member is maintrained in a fair condition and no special steps are called for."

SRI G. GOVINDAN :—" சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, பழைய மானா மதுரை-ராமநாதபுரம் ரோடை செப்பனிடுவதாக இருந்தால் நையனார் கோவில் ரோடையும், அதிலுள்ள வைகையாறு உடையப்பா பாலத்தையும் சீர்திருத்தம் செய்வார்களா ?"

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The hon. Member seems to refer to the road between Manamadurai and Paramakudi and to the new bridge that was recently constructed. Let him put a separate question. I shall consider it, Sir."

Appointment of gazetted officers under the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act.

* 653 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many gazetted officers under the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act were appointed up to the year 1952; and

(*b*) why no Harijan has been appointed as a gazetted officer in the department?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) From 30th September 1951 (i.e., from the date of coming into force of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1951) till